

in her head at once - "You see & counted was once a
sea, for I'm, the birds had been in in all the
different matings, some & in all in all the time
but to me, a simple man, I let with them all in
in my mind -

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Sunday morn. we all assembled at breakfast
at 10 - Each dressing in as convenient - After break-
fast there were prayers in the drawing room, then
Darwin leading the services - Then some took
books, some went to table spite of the rain, & at
11, some went to church - I was a little uncertain,
& kept very quiet all day - In the course of the
morn, as I sat in the drawing-room with my
book, one dropped in & then another, & such charm-
ing talks in & then - It was a rare chance when
Mr Darwin, Dr. Fisher, Dr. Goddard & Dr. Gray all
got into a lively discussion - One that does not
often come in one's way - Mr Darwin's brother came
to breakfast, Mr Redwood, whose wife has in Bos-
ton & Cambridge a few years ago, & he has generally
with us most of the day, at breakfast, dinner & lunch,
though staying at Miss Redwoods - A very agreeable,
pleasant man, of most cordial, simple manners -
They were all very charming people, & unpretended
& kind, & sincere & well-read, & highly cultivated
& intellectual - Each with interest in so many things.
As for Dr Darwin, he is entirely fascinated - He
is tall & thin, thin, broad framed, & his face shows
the marks of suffering & disease, for he has been

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Mrs. Kempton came & dined - in the afternoon
Mrs. Darwin took me in the carriage to call
in the doctors - He saw old Mrs. Norton, who looks
very well, & nice & fine - Maria was still
unimpaired, but his wife did not like to leave
him - The house looked small & bare, but they
said it had chambers &c. to accommodate their
large family; & that the doctor, a bachelor, of course
did not need or appreciate what a family of 12
wanted - But they seem very good of the place, &
gladly enjoy being close to St. James's Park, which
is to them, Mrs. Norton said, most delightful walks
indeed. I had a little walk with Mrs. Darwin
round their grounds - The house faces, and is
the drawing & dining-rooms, on a large lawn, a
well-kept shrubbery at one side, gravel walks, flower
beds, and trees with seats beneath them, & green
fields bordered by trees stretching away - A most
pleasant home view - We went down the shrubbery,
through the kitchen garden, to a sheltered path at
the edge of a copse, where we walked up & down, pound-
ed slopes, smelling below us, across which we saw occa-
sionally jumps passing & heard the sportment, and
Dr. Risher arrived to dinner, - in the afternoon a
Miss Wheeler to make a visit - a nice, Cornish, plump,
large, English-looking girl -

The days passed off pretty regularly. We usu-
ally dined at 3 1/2 or 4 in the dining-room

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a very great invalid, & still leads a life
of rule & regulation - He never stayed long with
us at a time, but as soon as he had talked
much, said he must go & rest, especially if
he had had a good laugh - His hair is grey,
he has a rather heavy beard but square & crosses the
upper lip, but the sweetest smile, the sweet-
est voice, the merriest laugh! And so quick,
so keen! He never hears a remark, it seemed
to me, but he turns it over, he catches every ex-
pression that flits over a face & reads it, he is
full of his great theories & sees the smallest thing
that bears upon them, & laughs more merrily
than anyone at any flaw detected, or fun
made - Full of warmest feelings & quick sym-
pathy, reads or has read to him novels of every
kind, & yet carries on these profound investi-
gations, with the most minute & patient experi-
ments, & the number of topics he has taken up
& studied & experimented on! - He saluted me
merrily Sunday morn'g, as the lady who "had ten
novels unfinished in her head!" "Good gracious!
what a state your brain must be in!" and he had
regular challenges to find something the other had
not read, & triumphed in recommending "My
Lamb and Lou" -

Mrs. Darwin is very lovable, with her sweet,

placid manner & gentle, sweet voice & looking
the comely placid matron, happy herself & the
source of happiness to others - just the right wife,
with her quiet character, her sound mind, her
broad sun-bathed - she made me think in
look a manner of Aunt B. or Anne about
silly play - she took the most motherly care of
me, sending me to bed early, seeing I went to lie
down in the day, & have a short drive, or quiet
walk with her -

The oldest daughter Bennetta is one of those
people who grow most wonderfully on acquaintance.
She looks so gentle & amiable that I should
not find, or her ideas of delicacy & her manners
entirely simple. But she is wiser than she looks, very
highly educated & thoroughly informed, & her
father's great assistant in a great deal of his work;
knows & means what she says, & "is quick & sharp,"
Dr. Gray says, "as steel." To hear her argue with Dr.
Hooker, to answer her father's rebuke, or laugh her-
self out that Hamlet should have a good time, & &
sting remarks into bracelet & necklaces, & if the
arrangement were of serious import, continue to her
walk, & ride on the pond, it did me good - and
yet she is a sharp critic, & ventures to say, not
easily pleased, & quips & intimates you - she
had just returned from a winter in Switzerland
with Mrs. Graham Carter, travelling alone, & no doubt

& the husband of many of their acquaintance too,
certainly & that of a traditional pattern man
whom they met, & who did not retain his
rather severe - & serious of wonder -

Ripie, the youngest daughter, is a nice, sweet,
gentle, intelligent girl - But only a young girl &
yet - neither of the daughters are at all ex-
traordinary as the mother - The son is a
pleasant young fellow of 20 - there are four
other sons, (three older, two at Cambridge) one
younger

Ever Chamber was a large pleasant room,
& sort of the day a nice fire burning, so I
could have a quiet place to rest whenever I
wanted - Always at 6. & when one went to
bed, cheerful with its bright blaze -

Mr. John & Lady Lutbock, who live near,
came to dinner - She is quite pretty, & was
becomingly dressed in pink, uncut velvet, &
a little roquettick cap with white lace - And
I saw eyes, & saw handsome jewelry - I can't but
notice how much handsome jewelry the ladies
wear - I take refuge in wearing just as little as
I can get on with -

^{Wed. 2nd} Mrs. Lundaal left Sunday night, & Dr. Hooker
Monday morning, went back to New, & Dr. Bayly
Sunday goes the day at the British Museum.
He came back to dinner, & Lewis Bedfordwood &

Friday morn. I went with Dr. Jay, to call on Miss
Hedgerood, who has recently bought a "Grand old house,
modernized, close by, & is making over garden, & doing all
sorts of things - she is an elderly maiden lady, but full
of life & interest, & a very agreeable companion - Then we
went to see the old Jew in the Church Lane, a huge shat-
tered old trunk, hundreds of years old, I suppose; & on
our way back down a pretty green lane, & see some
old oak holes, almost as big as California trees in diameter,
but only shells - Mr. Darmin came cantering across the
field as we came in, on his daily morning ride -

Then came Lunch & a good bye hour most delight-
ful visit & these dear, charming people - "I will never
forgive you," said Mr. Darmin, "if you don't come & see us
again before you go back to America!" -

Dr. Jay & Mrs. Hosker, Mr. Hedgerood accompany-
ing, with Garnet, for a farewell ride, on the pony set
off earlier, Mrs. Hosker & I went in their carriage -

We took the train at Drington, Dr. Jay & I stopped
at New Cross to go to Blackheath, Mrs. Hosker going on
to London - At New Cross we took a Cab for Mr.
Parsy's, & got there about 4, & were very kindly re-
ceived by Miss Scrim, - and most warmly & cordially
by Mrs. Parsy, when he came from London about dusk.
He has a dear little girl about 14, who looked so like
Anna that Dr. Jay & I both enjoyed looking at her -

Mrs. Parsy enquired after you all very warmly & was
glad to hear of each one - We showed her the portable
Microscopes in the box, which I had also displayed at
Down -

From thence we went into the Mr. in-rooms -
A large room, within on the lawn, with three
great windows, each composed of two panes of glass
only, & down to the floor - A grand piano at one
end, a book-case at the other, two writing-tables,
sofas, little tables, stoves, small book-cases, easy
chairs of all shapes & kinds, from Mrs. Darmin's
great throne, & the latest instrument of torture
as Dr. Hosker called it, a little, low, rickety chair that
looked as if one were sitting on the floor, & yet which
was almost always in use - Since a severe attack
of illness, Mr. Darmin sits on an easy chair raised very
high, & generally a caresser in it, so he almost stands to
keep off sickness & nausea - I shall always think of
him, on that throne, with his keen, quick glance, his
swift remark or observation, his fascinating laugh.
The fire-place was opposite the window & the sun
shone cheerfully in all day - People sewed, or wrote,
or scattered & do as they pleased, or read, or chattered
generally the ladies started for a long tramp at
about 11 o'clock, & got back to lunch at 1 1/2. Mrs.
Hosker was a great walker - Lunch was the servants
dinner hour, so there was generally a hot joint, corn of
mutton, rib of beef, piece of pork, cold meat & small hot
dishes, or a stew, puddings or tarts, often yesterday's re-
arranged, - something more, bread & cheese scattered for
those who liked - The footmen waited at the joints,
& then set us at the end generally, & help each other
& ourselves; the butter never appeared at lunch or
breakfast - The two young footmen then - Mr. Darmin

came to lunch, but always breakfasted before us, tho' he came in then with some merry remarks & was all - And he left the dinner-table when dessert was put on - After ~~breakfast~~ he sometimes walked, sometimes drove, some read or practiced, one off. Almost all walked 4 miles to Newbold beeches. The carriage met them, & took the ladies home -

At 4 1/2 or 5 all were generally gathered in the drawing room again, the footmen came & moved forward the table stand, then sat in the parter with tea - Every body has a cup, & this afternoon tea was nice thing when one dines so late - There is thin bread & butter or little biscuits crackered for those who like - As it grows dark, in come the footmen with a tray with 4 great six or eight tapers, tall & heavy, the candles are lit, we smoke & chat until gradually we drop off & go to bed for dinner, ^{which is} either at 7 or 7 1/2 as may be -

Wednesday Grace Norton & Mrs. Charles Norton came to dine, & Miss Botingham Carter again - The butler appeared at dinner; & one of the four footmen, I learned, was Miss Wedgewood's, & one the coachman - Unless quite by accident, all the carrying was done at the side table; & on the table was only ever, some large piece, silver of 1 pattern, say, which Mr. Darwin carried - Every thing was handed, & with so many servants all came promptly - but I think more than ever, that dinner is really the early dinner, though one eats less at each meal than with us, but has two dinners added - I must say the frequent eating & lightly, seemed to suit my digestion wonderfully, & I really have gained a little flesh -

There was always plenty of talk at dinner, & often much worth hearing - After the ladies retired, we presently had coffee handed in the drawing room, & later came tea again for those who cared for it - These gentlemen generally came before long, & Mr. Darwin came in for a little while - If visitors here, Mrs. Darwin generally saw that I went up stairs about ten o'clock -

Sometimes we had some music - Mrs. Darwin plays well, & Mrs. Hooker plays & sings - One morning, Mr. Darwin brought in some photographs taken by a French man, & observing certain muscles in an old man's face, & as he read with the expression that putting such muscles in play would produce - it was curious the different meanings given - And it came out at dinner, that several of us had been trying to move certain muscles some time back -

Thursday morning Mrs. Darwin took me in the carriage for a short drive in Holywood Park, the seat of the late Lord Bramworth, the beeches were lovely & hidden & flaming in their autumn dress, the hollies so brilliant, with polished green & quantities of red berries, it is odd that red & green can be so much brighter in English hills than in ours - the Hawthorns loaded down & down with fruit - The unusually hot summer has ripened almost all fruits exceptionally - We went to walk over an old Roman encampment, & Dr. Ross & Miss Darwin & Miss Keeler, who had come with us, walked some - There were only the same party for dinner - Dr. Ross had returned in the morning -

town that day with Mr. Bentham, & goes to the
Linnæan Society in the Ev. - Mr. Carey, his sister
& daughter are to come over on Saturday - I
have appointed next Monday to call on the
Lyells; & mean to try & persuade Dr. Gray to
come down for a day or so to Cambridge, if he
will - He has had a very cordial invitation
from Mr. Robinson, - extended to me -

I did not say how well & how pretty Mrs.
Charles Norton looked, nor how becomingly & eleg-
antly she was dressed - Nor how charmed
the Darwins are with them, & like them all
so very much - The Nortons expect to go
in October 15th. to France, to be near St. Cloud,
where they have taken a house for six months -

You can judge I must have improved in
looks, for Mr. Carey complimented me much, saying
he could not have believed sixteen years would
have denied so kindly with me - He thought me
less changed than Dr. Gray! -

I have lots of little sewings to keep me busy,
& if you don't all say I write nice long letters,
I shall begin to write something disagreeable about
"pearls" - The reading time does not come - There are
so many papers! - Much love to all,
from the ever aff. Jane -

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Mrs. Carey was with her father in town, his
wife's sister having taken his children & brought
them up - She is a sweet, gentle, kind hearted
kind & attentive, - it was pleasant to see her?
so little changed, & really with so much to make
her comfortable & happy - After breakfast
Saturday they took us into the little garden be-
hind the house, very prettily arranged, & an im-
mense number of rock-work crowded with the
various shells as common to garden - Then I wrote,
while Dr. Gray & Mr. C. went for a walk in Picca-
dilly Park, just across the beach, close to the
house - Dr. Gray came back determined I should
not lose the view, so he got a little pony carriage
standing for hire at the Park gate, & came over for
me - Then I walked to the edge of the terrace, through
the avenue of old chestnuts famous since Queen Eliza-
beth's time, to the edge of the terrace & looked down
the Naval school, on Greenwich Hospital, on the town
stretching beyond the Park, the Thames muddy in the
distance, & London hazy beyond - It was a fine view -
We observed the outside of the Observatory, set our watches
by Greenwich time, looked at the standard bronze job,
foot, inch, &c. set in the wall, & walked back & took
a ride home, again back - After lunch we went to see
Annette's Collection of shells, a beautiful set & scientifically
arranged; & the boy a nice, bright, intelligent looking

little fellow of 12, came in. He is at school close by,
his aunt went for him that we might see him.

Then the Cab came to take us to the Station -
The ticket tickets - to Blackfriars, Cab to Waterloo,
- so back is him, getting here about 5 1/4.

We found a note from Mrs. Hooker including
a note to her from Lady Storer, saying a friend of
hers, Mr. Church, was coming to them to see some-
thing of Dr. & Mrs. Gray, Americans staying at New-
She takes it for granted we are the Hooker's, uncle,
& writes us in to dine on Monday at 7 1/2. Later
in the Ev. came a note from Mr. Church to the
same effect - We deliberated, & decided it would
be so much for me to drive 7 miles to London
& back in the Ev. to dinner, so Dr. Gray accepted
& I declined. - A note from Lady Lyell

followed us to Down, asking us to come & lunch there
some day, when we should be in London -

Evening, Sunday, Dr. Gray was threatened with
cold again, so we neither of us went to Church,
but read one of Mr. Church's sermons - I took the
chance & be quiet, for engagements thicken - our
time in England grows short -

This storm's came now, letter, dear me, & accounts
of a snow-storm! What a year '88 will be! Winter,
spring, summer, autumn each exceptional, & in
its way disagreeable & horrid!

I was disappointed to hear nothing from
Charles & his Klaus; the more, that the Prince &
Princess of Wales, we hear are going to Egypt, & it
seems very desirable to me, that we should be
in advance of them! - as for Sanjourit, people
they are decidedly shabby - Not a line for three
months! -

Mr. Church came down to lunch with
us, to see the Gardens - He brought me a beauti-
ful photo of Masdalen tower at Fford. It was
a pleasure to see him again! He rather laid
himself out for lunch, Cambridge Sausages,
& Richmond "maids of honor" - He had a
sort of cheese-cake, - the first an uncommonly
delicate & nice sausage -

Dr. Gray took a long sound in the afternoon
with Mr. Church, I had a short turn at noon,
& then I went back to London at 5 1/2 - Dr. Gray
went with Dr. & Mrs. Hooker in a trap at
5 1/2 - I don't expect him back until towards
midnight -

Tomorrow we plan to go to Slapham &
pass the night with the Harde - Sunday
I have proposed to Mrs. Dabner to meet me
at the British Museum - Dr. Gray dined in